

Happy Fall Y'all!

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New Vineyard Development Cost-Share Program

For additional information, please contact your local extension agent.

Round 2 of the **New Vineyard Development Cost-Share Program** is now open. Attached please find the Request for Applications and the application itself. Please note the application deadline of November 10, 2017.

A **New Grower Workshop** is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at Abingdon Vineyards and Winery in Abingdon, VA – flyer attached with details. *Please keep in mind that attendance at a new grower workshop is an eligibility requirement of the New Vineyard Development Program. If you are interested in applying and haven't attended one of the previously offered workshops, please plan to attend this one.*

New Grower Workshop Flyer, Grant Guidelines, & Application Form can be found: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B1xwHy4pZ1vN2VjTm1RaEVPT0U?usp=sharing>

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BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE LATEST INVASIVES:

RED IMPORTED FIRE ANTS—Fire Ants have been confirmed in Brunswick County and are suspected in Mecklenburg County. Please be on the lookout for mounds in your area, and report them to your local extension agent or the VA Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

BOXWOOD BLIGHT: Boxblight —affecting boxwoods, sweetbox, and pachysandra —has been confirmed in Lunenburg County. Landscapers and homeowners throughout the region should be on the lookout as this pathogen is typically spread through infected plants, tools, clothing, and animals. Fall is the perfect time for growth of the pathogen.

2017 Virginia Urban Agriculture Summit

October 5-6, 2017

Arlington Campus
George Mason University
3351 Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22201



Urban~Rural Connections

Please join us for the **2017 Virginia Urban Agriculture Summit, October 5th - 6th 2017 at the Arlington Campus, George Mason University, 3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201.**

This year's, 3rd **Virginia Urban Agriculture Summit**, features many exciting events including opening remarks by legislators and elected officials, and Keynote Speaker.

- Panels, Workshops, Tours, Networking Opportunities and Local Foods Luncheon...and more!

We look forward to seeing you at the Arlington Campus, George Mason University, 3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201 in October!

Regards,

2017 Virginia Urban Agriculture Summit, Conference Committee

Details and Registration
<https://vafb.swoogo.com/urbanag2017>
or scan this qr code



Direct Marketing 101 Workshop Series

Learn how to get started Direct Marketing your meat products



Session 1: October 5th

- What is Direct Marketing?
- Understanding regulations and the inspection process

Session 2: October 12th

- Basic Economics of Direct Marketing
- Lessons from the Field

Session 3: October 19th

- Carcass Breakdown
- Pricing cuts of meat

Session 4: October 26th

- Marketing your products
- "Name that Claim" Label claims Demystified

\$30 for the entire series or \$10 per session

6 pm to 8 pm

Drinks and light refreshments provided

Agriculture Building
163 Kabler Lane, Rustburg, VA 24588

Contact Alyssa at ajelliott@vt.edu or
(434) 946 9365 to Reserve your spot!

41st Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours 2017 (aka the Bus Tours)



Join fellow forest landowners and a host of natural resource professionals for a fun and exciting day in the woods learning about forest and wildlife management. All tours begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Forestry Bus Tour

October 10

Dillwyn, VA (Buckingham County)

Registration 8am - 8:30. Tour concludes by 5pm. Catered hot lunch by "Helping Hands". Scholarships for science teachers and free Project Learning Tree Educators kit. Contact Jason Fisher - jasonf@vt.edu 434-476-2147 x3389. Online registration at <http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/landownerprograms/field-tours.html>

Commercial Breeders' Field Day "ECONOMICS FOR A BEEF HERD"

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October 14, 2017 at 9:00am

Deer Track Farm
3320 Deer Track Road
Spotsylvania, VA

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOOL SHEEP



October 14, 2017

8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Augusta County Gov. Center
Verona, VA

About this Program

Are you a sheep enthusiast? Are you interested in learning more about raising sheep or producing high quality wool? If so, please join us for this important program on sheep and wool management and marketing.

Questions? Contact John Benner at
540-245-5750 or benner89@vt.edu

Registration Form: Please detach and send with registration fee of \$20 per adult, \$10 per youth (<18yrs) by Sept. 30. Memo line - Opportunities for Wool Sheep

Please make checks payable to Virginia Cooperative Extension - Augusta.

Please PRINT the following:

Name _____ Phone _____

County /City of Residence _____

Firm / Organization _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Please mail checks to: Augusta County Extension Office, P.O. Box 590, Verona, VA 24482 or bring payment at beginning of program.

Program Schedule

8:30-9:00 AM

Registration/Coffee/Welcomes

9:00-10:00 AM
Managing for High
Quality Wool

Martha Polkey and Dr. Geof Ruppert, DVM

10:00-10:50 AM
Wool Quality Factors
and Grades

Bob Padula- Certified Level 4 Wool Classifier,
Targhee Breeder & Wool Consultant

10:50 AM

Break

11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Producing and
Marketing High Quality Wool

Stanley Strode - Mid-States Wool Growers

12:00-12:30 PM
Lamb Lunch -

12:30 - 1:30 PM
Marketing Wool for
the Niche Market

Martha Polkey and Dr. Geof Ruppert, DVM

1:30-2:30 PM
Sheep as a Dual Purpose
Animal and Enterprise

Bob Padula - Certified Level 4 Wool Classifier,
Targhee Breeder & Wool Consultant

2:30-3:30 PM
Experiences at the

2017 Golden Shears Competition in
Invercargill, New Zealand

Maggie Passino - U.S. National Wool
Handling and Sheep Shearing Team

Artificial Insemination Training Course

October 16th & 17th 8 AM—4 PM

The BARN facility

11851 W. James Anderson Hwy.
Buckingham

\$65 per person

Lunch will be provided



Please register by October 2, 2017 with a 15 participant limit!

Have you ever wanted to breed your own cows or at least learn the Anatomy and Physiology behind it? We will be covering areas such as: Anatomy, Physiology, Heat Detection and timing, Tank Care and Semen Handling, AI Synchronization, AI techniques. There will be hands on practice with semen handling and breeding cows!

Mail completed registration to:
VCE—Buckingham
PO Box 227
Buckingham VA 23921

Artificial Insemination Training Course Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

County: _____

FALL FARM TOUR

Casslemonte Farm ~ Powhatan, VA



OCTOBER 16, 2017
Time: 5pm Cost: FREE

Casslemonte Farm prides itself on just-in-time harvesting, bringing Richmond area restaurants, breweries and consumers fresh fruits and vegetables packed with flavor. Join us to learn more about their niche crops and getting started in production.



Farmers who are young, young at heart, just starting out or well seasoned are welcome on this tour! **RSVP by October 11** to Charley Maxwell or Rachel Grosse. (804) 556-5872 (804) 598-5640 mcharley@vt.edu rgrosse@vt.edu <https://goo.gl/forms/whoBF3zVnYEC7Utk1> Address will be revealed with RSVP.

Farm Transition for Family Forestland—Preparing for Generation NEXT

October 17 & 24 (BOTH)

Attend both afternoons, catered supper provided. Chatham ODAC, Pittsylvania County - You value your forest and/or farmland for multiple reasons such as wildlife, privacy, recreation, timber, hunting or the scenic qualities. Are you prepared to pass the natural and heirloom values to the next generation? Without breaking it up? The cost of not planning is "priceless" and future tax burdens may put your land's ownership in jeopardy. If you don't plan, the State will plan for you. By researching and choosing what you want ahead of time, you can ensure your wishes are met and minimize the cost of professional advisors! Please join us for a hands-on workshop with free legal guidance from professionals experienced in intergenerational land transfer and estate planning.

Register online at <http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/onlineregistration.html> For more information or registration brochure contact Jason Fisher at 434-476-2147 x3389 or jasonf@vt.edu



2017 Grazing School **October 18-19** Located at Locust Level Farm (12065 Chatham Road, Vernon Hill 24597), this 2-day, intensive course will teach you everything you need to know to better manage grazing on your farm. Pasture renovation & improvement, Pasture and grazing management, Designing a rotational grazing system, Fencing and watering options, Strategies to extend the grazing season, Matching forage quality & animal needs, Creating a forage budget. You will have hands-on opportunities to work with grazing tools and try out fencing materials. Class size is limited; cost is \$100 is registered before Sept 25 and includes course materials, two lunches, and one dinner.

For more information, contact:

JB Daniel at 434-392-4171 x115, j.b.daniel@va.usda.gov

Grazing 101 for beginning farmers

Date: October 20, 2017 **Time:** 2:00pm-8:30pm

Location: Meet at the Goochland Extension Office to
Carpool to On-Farm Locations

Cost: \$5 **Dinner:** At Bella Sicilia's

Join us on October 20, 2017 to learn (on-farm) about soil health, forage types and establishment, grazing management and tools from experienced farmers and industry professionals.

Registration is limited to 25 participants and the first 15 will receive a grazing stick. Dinner is included with registration.

Register by October 16 by calling Charley Maxwell at 804-556-5872 or by clicking on this flyer.

Small Ruminant Field Day

A CLOSER LOOK AT NUTRITION
Research-based Recommended Practices
for Feeding Sheep and Goats

October 20, 2017 | 9:00am - 3:00pm

VSU RANDOLPH FARM
4415 River Road • Petersburg, VA

Join us for the Small Ruminant Field Day on Friday, October 20, beginning at 8:00am to learn more about the research-based practices for small ruminant nutrition.

Cost is \$10 per person, payable by cash or check on the day of the event. Please make your checks payable to "Virginia State University."

More details on the Field Day Agenda will be available soon at the VSU Cooperative Extension website:

www.ext.vsu.edu

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the Small Ruminant Program office at (804) 524-5960 / TDD (800) 828-1120 during business hours of 8 am. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations five days prior to the event.

Register Online at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSea9cQQObdQFt-i5A11s-4OYqcb7g2XKj2yPhEoY1hBW11ZBw/viewform>

For more resources for new and beginning farmers, check out...

Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition Program:
www.vabeginningfarmer.alce.vt.edu

Small Farm Outreach: <http://www.agriculture.vsu.edu/special-programs/cooperative-extension/small-farm-outreach.php>

So you think you want to farm...

Discover resources and information for making informed agricultural decisions on potential crops/livestock and run through a financial simulation of your first years farming

October 20, 2017

Where: CVCC Merritt Hall
3506 Wards Rd. Lynchburg 24502

When: 10:00am- 2:00pm

Cost: \$10, pay at the door, includes lunch



Would farming work for you...?



Featuring assistance from:
 Virginia Cooperative Extension
 Local insurance specialists
 Local financial institution
 Local government assistance agency
 Local agricultural equipment dealer
 Local agricultural cooperative

Call the Campbell Extension office to register at (434) 332-9538 or email drevans@vt.edu by October 13, 2017

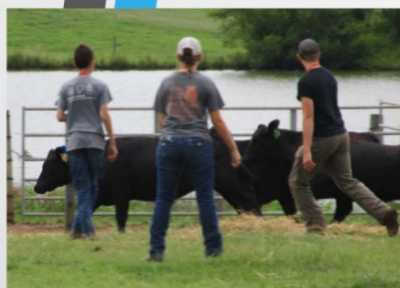


Fall Farm Festivities for the WHOLE FAMILY are here!

Check out some of the fall farm activities happening across the district:

- Lloyd Family Farms (Rockville, VA): www.lloydfamilyfarms.com/pumpkin-patch.html
- Oak Grove's Fun on the Farm (Buffalo Junction, VA): <https://www.oakgrovefarmsva.com/>
- Owen Farm Tours (Danville, VA): <http://www.owenfarmtours.com/>
- Parrish Pumpkin Patch (Dundas, VA): <https://www.parrishpumpkinpatch.com/>
- Richlands Dairy Farm (Blackstone, VA): <http://www.richlandsdairyfarm.com/>
- White Fall Farm (Gretna, VA): <http://www.whitefallfarm.com/>

Youth Beef Training Workshop



October 21, 2017

8:30am Registration

4:30pm Adjournment

Location- NCSU Beef Education Unit
Raleigh, NC

Workshops on: Pasture Management, Low Stress Handling, Reproduction, Beef Quality Assurance Certification, and Meat Handling Included

Registration Limited to 30 Applicants
Ages 12-18

Registration available:
<http://go.ncsu.edu/youth-beef-workshop>.

Contact April Shaeffer
for more information

Other Youth Programs:

Youth Livestock Programs:

<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock.html>

General Youth 4-H:

<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth.html>

Holiday Lake 4-H Center:

<https://www.holidaylake4h.com/>

Jamestown 4-H Center:

<http://www.jamestown4hcenter.org/programs/>

Other Veteran Programs:

Homegrown by Heroes:

www.vdacs.virginia.gov/vagrown/homegrownbyheroes.shtml

USDA Veterans Web-

site: <https://newfarmers.usda.gov/veterans>

Veteran Farming Program

Speakers:

Matthew Underwood USDA Military Veteran Agricultural Liaison Support	John Fant Virginia Contact for Farmer Veteran Coalition
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Topics	LOCATION	
Financing & Business Liability/Insurance Agritourism	HUDSON HERITAGE FARMS SOUTH BOSTON VA	

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 THE DATE

OCTOBER	26 & 27	2017	THURSDAY • FRIDAY
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*Free/Sponsored Event	REGISTRATION COMING SOON CONTACT REBEKAH SLABACH- HALIFAX COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE 434-476-2147	*Tours of Veterans' Farms
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Networking
Evening Social



Panels with Q&A—
Resources and
Marketing/Branding

Smyth Agritourism Workshop

Wednesday, October 25, 2017: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Holston Hills Golf Course, Marion, VA



Learn about important Agritourism topics! Network and create partnerships!
For questions, contact Sarah Gillespie at sgillespie@smythchamber.org or 276-783-3161. Registration deadline is October 20 and space is limited—register early! Register here: <https://vaagritourism.eventbrite.com> or by calling Sarah.

NEXT LEVEL **BOWHUNTING WORKSHOP**

October 27-29, 2017

Jamestown 4-H Educational Center

Topics: Bow hunting Methods and Techniques, Tree stand use-Placement and Safety, Camouflage, Scent Control, Lures, Calls, Shot Placement, Recovery of Game and An Evening Bow Hunt on a Wildlife Management Area.

Cost: Early bird fee of \$90.00 through Sept. 30, 2017; after Sept. 30, 2017: \$100.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 7, 2017

For registration and details, visit <http://www.jamestown4hcenter.org/programs/>

Dinwiddie Agritourism Workshop

**Thursday, November 9, 2017: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Ragsdale Community Center, McKenney, VA**



Learn about important Agritourism topics! Network and create partnerships! For questions, contact Andrew Hardy at AHardy@dinwiddieva.us or 804-732-1100. Register here: https://apm.activecommunities.com/playdinwiddie/Activity_Search/1055, or by calling Andrew. Registration Deadline is November 2, 2017 and space is limited - register early!

SOVA Agritourism Workshop

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Cloverdale Quarters, Sutherlin, VA**

Learn about important Agritourism topics! Network and create partnerships! **Thanks to our sponsors, this event is free, but registration is required. To register, visit <http://www.dpchamber.org/events/details/id/293/category/chamber-events/innovative-communities-agritourism-in-vi> or email chamber@dpchamber.org or call 434-836-6990. Registration Deadline is November 29 and space is limited - register early!**

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VSU College of Agriculture offers many educational programs, workshops and field days. To find out more, visit:

<https://www.ext.vsu.edu/calendar/> **or**

follow the **VSU College of Agriculture Facebook page** and check out their **Events** section:

<https://www.facebook.com/VsuCollegeOfAgriculture/> .

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

This Newsletter is created by Virginia Cooperative Extension—Central District. ***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: If you have questions or comments, please contact Lindy Tucker via email at tucker07@vt.edu, or via cell at (434) 321-2009.***

SOCIAL MEDIA

Blogs: Follow the Ag Spotlight blog to learn about farms and agriculture in south central Virginia! <http://blogs.ext.vt.edu/central-virginia-ag-spotlight/>.

Information and flyers for all of our programs can be found on Google Drive: [here](#).



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